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detection modules, each of said error detection modules determining a number of errors associated with a corresponding one said plurality of potential phases of said codeword using the syndromes produced by an associated one of said plurality of syndrome computing modules.

- 23. (Original) The codeword synchronization system of claim 20 wherein said sampling arrangement includes:
- a sampling circuit; and a clock coupled to said sampling circuit, said clock being operative at N times a data rate of said received data stream.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The codeword synchronization system of claim 23 wherein said sampling arrangement further includes a demultiplexer having an input port connected to said sampling circuit and a set of N output ports connected to said set of N codeword synchronization modules.